To: District Test Coordinator and LEP Director

From: Questar Assessment, Inc., IELA Test Contractor Subject: Idaho English Language Assessment News

Hello! We hope this e-mail finds you refreshed and ready to start the 2007-2008 school year. We'll begin by letting you know that TASA, Inc. now has a new name-<u>Questar</u> <u>Assessment, Inc</u>. It will not impact any of the tasks we are responsible for doing, just a name change. As a result, the IELA email address for the IELA Coordinator has changed to <u>iela@QuestarAI.com</u> (but the <u>iela@tasa.com</u> will work for quite a while.) We would like to encourage you to work with your IT staff to allow all messages from those accounts through your spam blockers as e-mail messages are our main form of IELA communication. And, when in doubt, you can still contact us at our toll-free hotline 888-854-9596.

We would also like to encourage you to let us know about any changes to your contact information (e-mail and phone) to ensure that our files are current and you are included on all correspondence.

OK, let's move on to 2007 reporting for those of you who assessed students last year. All of the reports have been posted to the IELA Online System for download <u>and</u> hard copies have been mailed to your district. Please contact us via e-mail or phone if you have not yet received your results or if you have any questions regarding specific reports.

As most of you may know, the Idaho ELL Placement Test has been recently updated and should be used to inform placement decisions for New English Language Learners in Idaho schools. V.2.0 is now available at the IELA Online System (http://www.idaho.acheivementdata.com) in two formats (Original Booklet Style & Flip Chart Style) download and printing. Once at the site, please use your dedicated IELA password to login. If you have forgotten your password, or have any questions regarding the ELL Placement Test, please contact the IELA Coordinator. We have also created an instruction sheet to assist you in printing the Placement Test components, should you need it. It will be posted at the Online System and can also be requested directly from the IELA Coordinator.

Please note that this year you do NOT need to make copies of the ELL Placement Test to send to the State Board of Education. The results that you sent in last year, were used to update the test for this year.

As always, we thank you for your continued dedication to the administration of the Idaho English Language Assessment and we hope to partner with you for another successful year.

If you have any questions you can contact us directly, or Wendy St. Michell, the IELA Manager, at the State Board of Education (wendy.st.michell@osbe.idaho.gov or 332-1586).